

Project Prioritization for New Transportation Capacity Projects-- Reporting Requirements

Utah Code § 72-1-305. Project selection using the written prioritization process - Public comment - Report.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (4), in determining priorities and funding levels of projects in the state transportation system under Subsection 72-1-303(1) that are new transportation capacity projects, the commission shall use the weighted criteria system adopted in the written prioritization process under Section 72-1-304.
- (2) Prior to finalizing priorities and funding levels of projects in the state transportation system, the commission shall conduct public hearings at locations around the state and accept public comments on:
 - (a) the written prioritization process;
 - (b) the merits of new transportation capacity projects that will be prioritized under this section; and
 - (c) the merits of new transportation capacity projects as recommended by a consensus of local elected officials participating in a metropolitan planning organization as defined in Section 72-1-208.5.
- (3) The commission shall make the weighted criteria system ranking for each project publicly available prior to the public hearings held under Subsection (2).
- (4)
 - (a) If the commission prioritizes a project over another project with a higher rank under the weighted criteria system, the commission shall identify the change and accept public comment at a hearing held under this section on the merits of prioritizing the project above higher ranked projects.
 - (b) The commission shall make the reasons for the prioritization under Subsection (4)(a) publicly available.
- (5) The executive director or the executive director's designee shall report annually to the governor and a committee designated by the Legislative Management Committee no later than the last day of October:
 - (a) the projects prioritized under this section during the year prior to the report; and
 - (b) the status and progress of all projects prioritized under this section.